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Sir:

The attached news paper clippings were taken from the Dallas Morning News dated March 10, 1967 regarding SUBJECTS investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Respectfully submitted,

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—Associated Press Wirephoto.

Raymond Cummings

Man Claims Ferrie, Ruby, Oswald Link

A spokesman for the district attorney's office said Thursday that the office is investigating an "unconfirmed" story of a Dallas man who said he once drove Lee

Harvey Oswald and David Ferrie to Jack Ruby's Carousel Club.

The spokesman emphasized that his office has investigated "8 or 10" similar stories linking Oswald and Ruby.

Investigators talked with the man, identified as Raymond Cummings, 35, a former taxicab driver, last weekend and plan to question him again Friday.

The spokesman said that the report, termed a "sensational story" by a wire service, apparently was revealed in New Orleans.

Cummings reportedly told Dallas investigators that he picked up Oswald, Ferrie and an unidentified man in his cab early in 1963. He said he took them from near Jack Ruby's Oak Cliff apartment to Ruby's downtown strip club.

The cab driver reportedly said he earlier drove Oswald from Downtown Dallas to Irving.

Ferrie, a New Orleans pilot, was linked to an assassination plot by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans. Ferrie was found dead Feb. 22 and a coroner later ruled he died of natural causes.

Cummings reportedly contacted Garrison and said he recognized a picture of Ferrie as the man in his cab. The Dallas district attorney's office spokesman did not disclose why Cummings waited three years to report the incident.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said last week that his investigators had questioned several persons who claimed to have witnesses linking Oswald and Ruby. Wade said he suspected that Oswald may have been aided in his plans, but he knew of no link with any person or group.

Lawyer Testifies In Garrison Probe

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dean Andrews Jr., a lawyer who told the Warren Commission he thought Lee Harvey Oswald was a "patsy," testified briefly Thursday before a grand jury hearing evidence in the district attorney's investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Andrews and Mrs. Josephine

Hug were the only two witnesses subpoenaed for Thursday's secret grand jury session. Mrs. Hug, a tall well-dressed brunette, formerly worked for Clay Shaw, the retired executive accused by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

Garrison interrogated Andrews last week after subpoenaing him to appear in the district attorney's office.

IN TESTIMONY before the Warren Commission in 1964, Andrews who now is an assistant district attorney of suburban Jefferson Parish (county), said:

"There's three people I am going to find — one of them is the real guy that killed the President: the Mexican and Clay Bertrand."

Asked then if he had considerable doubt about Oswald being the assassin, Andrews replied: "I know good and well he did not. With that weapon, he couldn't have been capable of making three controlled shots in that short time . . . this boy could have connived the deal, but I think he is a patsy. Somebody else pulled the trigger."

Garrison said recently he didn't believe Oswald killed anybody in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald killed both Kennedy and Patrolman J. D. Tippit on that day.

Andrews told the Warren Commission that Oswald came to see him about legal matters several times during the summer of 1963, accompanied by a stocky "Mexicano" with a short butch haircut. Andrews said he had not seen the Mexican since that time.

ANDREWS explained his knowledge of "Clay Bertrand" in these words to the Warren Commission:

"I was in Hotel Dieu (a New Orleans hospital) and the phone rang and a voice I recognized as Clay Bertrand asked me if I would go to Dallas and Houston — I think — Dallas, I guess, wherever it was that this boy (Oswald) was being held — and defend him . . . I said I wasn't in shape enough to go to Dallas and defend him and I would see what I could do."

Andrews said he had met Clay Bertrand "a couple of years" previous to that time, adding: "He's the one who calls in behalf of gay kids normally, either to obtain bond or parole for them."

In applying for a warrant to search the home of Shaw, former director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, Garrison's office stated that Shaw used the alias of Clay Bertrand.

Shaw publicly denied that he used an alias, said he never had seen Oswald, and called his arrest "fantastic." He is free under \$10,000 bond.

A preliminary hearing will be held for Shaw next Tuesday. Criminal Dist. Judge Bernard Bagert has indicated he will order Garrison to produce the "confidential informant" who allegedly told about discussions in New Orleans about killing Kennedy.